

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/001672

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: E04D 13/15, 13/158, E04F 19/00, 19/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

REFER TO ELECTRONIC DATABASE BELOW

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI: &amp; keywords: eave, soffit, finish, paint, trim and similar terms.

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CA 730345A (McCREADY) 22 March 1966 See page 1 lines 26-31 and figures 1-5.	1-4, 6-7, 15-20
Y		8-14
X	GB 2021186 A (ALCAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LIMITED) 28 November 1979 See page 2 lines 115-121 and figures 1-9.	1-4, 6-7, 17-20
Y		8-14
X	GB 2199857 A (DALES) 20 July 1988 See page 3 line 10 - page 4 line 16.	1-4, 15-20
X	GB 1125825 A (SHUTE) 5 September 1968 See page 1 line 71- page 2 line 33.	1-4, 15-20

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C☒ See patent family annex

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 1269357 A (THE MARLEY TILE COMPANY LIMITED) 6 April 1972 See page 1 lines 43 – 64 and page 2 lines 38-69.	1-4, 6, 15-20
X Y	WO 2001/036191 A1 (JAMES HARDIE RESEARCH PTY LTD et al.) 25 May 2001 See page 2 line 18 – page 3 line 23 and page 5 line 31 – page 6 line 4.	1-5, 19-20 6-7, 15-16
X Y	GB 2078611 A (HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL TECHNICAL COMMERCIAL & MINING SHARING COMPANY AMLANTIT SA) 13 January 1982 See page 1 lines 29-55 and page 2 lines 39 – 59.	1-5, 19-20 6-7, 15-16
Y	US 4969250 A (HICKMAN ET AL.) 13 November 1990 See abstract, column 1 lines 48-55 and column 6 lines 58-63.	6-7, 15-16
Y	GB 2340071 A (KESTREL BUILDING PRODUCTS LIMITED) 16 February 2000 See entire document.	6-7, 15-16
X Y	AU 88589/82 A1 (HEDIGER) 31 March 1983 See figures 1-4.	21-22 8-14
X Y	GB 2075079 A (COBA PLASTICS LIMITED) 11 November 1981 See page 1 lines 3-18 and figures 1-2.	21-22 8-14
X Y	WO 1997/028342 A1 (WILSON) 7 August 1997 See figures 1-10 and page 3 lines 1-8.	21-22 8-14

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**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

**Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:  
Refer to supplemental sheet for explanation.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

**Continuation of Box No: III**

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion the International Searching Authority has found that there are different inventions as follows:

1. Claims 1-20 are directed to an eave lining sheet, an eave lining system and a method of installing an eave lining system respectively. It is considered that the use of an eave lining sheet which is pre-finished on at least one exposed surface prior to installation comprises a first "special technical feature".
2. Claims 21-22 are directed to a two part trim system for concealing joints in a building structure. It is considered that the use of a system having a base securable over or adjacent a joint to be concealed and a cover element connectable to the base to conceal the joint comprises a second special technical feature.

Since the abovementioned groups of claims do not share any of the technical features identified, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2 does not exist. Accordingly the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept, a priori.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
CA	730345				
GB	2021186	AU	47126/79	US	4195455
GB	2199857				
GB	1125825				
GB	1269357				
WO	0136191	AU	17771/01	BR	0015581
		CZ	20021683	EP	1254023
		NZ	518834	PL	355804
		US	2004163331	CA	2390552
				MX	PA02004953
				US	6689451
GB	2078611	BE	889361	ES	498442
		GR	65511	GR	65512
				FR	2485516
				NL	8005290
US	4969250	US	4890426	US	4909006
GB	2340071	IE	990662		
AU	88589/82				
GB	2075079				
WO	9728342	AU	44793/96	US	6148584
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.					
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